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Churchill Fund Canvas on March 1st.

Sunday afternoon the fire al-children and have taken in the entire family for the time being.

The entire community came to their assistance as quickly as they could, with some clothing, etc. Plans were immediately underway to raise funds to re-establish their home.

The flash fire caused by some kind of explosion destroyed the entire inside leaving only a shell of the building standing. The LaSalle Fire Dept. did not receive the call until a passing motorist noticed the smoke and he drove to the nearest fire alarm box.

Mrs. Churchill Sr., said she dashed to her phone to summon the fire dept., but found the line dead. The lines had been put out of order by the fire. She screamed for someone to summon the fire department, but the few around were concerned about the baby in the house.

Mrs. Churchill did the regular house work, put baby Francis to bed for his afternoon nap, washed out the baby's clothing and went outside to hang them out, taking Brenda and Linda 3 and 2 years of age, with her. After hanging the clothes Mrs. Churchill and the two children walked over to the neighbors yard and had just spoken a few words when she noticed smoke coming from the house and she immediately ran to the rescue of her son.

When she arrived at the house she found the doors jammed too tightly to be opened. Her father-in-law also arrived shortly after and both kicked and pounded in vain to open the door. They tried the front door but found it in the same condition. They were jammed from the impact of the explosion inside.

The windows were broken, and Mrs. Churchill frantically tugged at the sash and broke it away in order to make an entry.

Mr. Robert Churchill, Sr., the baby's grandfather, asked for a hoist to the open window which was about half foot off the ground. He crawled through the dense black smoke, making it impossible to see. He held his nose with one hand and went forward feeling with the other until he reached the baby on the bed, and handed him out the window. He was then dragged out himself, overcome by smoke and burns about the hands.

The baby was placed in the arms of his grandmother in the grandparents home across the yard. She said little Francis looked like a "little cannibal", singed hair and puffed lips and badly burned. Francis' mother and a neighbor bundled the baby in a blanket and were rushed to the hospital by Mr. Lorne Wheeler. The baby lived five hours.

The inside of the home was demolished. The entire family have only the clothing they were wearing to call their own. Mr. Churchill's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stanley Churchill made improvised beds for the three

der the Canadian-American Society of Good Neighbours of LaSalle, Ont. A cheque for \$300, was offered to be underwritten by one of the business men of LaSalle, which made it possible to give the Churchills \$500.00 that night to aid them clothe themselves. Donations pledged Monday night were:

Canadian-American Society of Good Neighbours	\$200.
Bradings Brewery	75.
MacRae's Service Station	25.
Lucky Strike Bowling Alley and Merchants League	125.
PIN BOYS; Jack and Jim Skinner; Peter Craig; Bob Blondin; Max Morschak; Sonny Gherasim and Monroe Hersaker	24.
Community Market	50.

LaSalle Press will donate all printing necessary. Seguin Printing will also donate printing needed.

Committees were formed for the Entertainment evening to take place March 10 at Sunnyside Tavern. Entertainment arranged and donated by Mr. G. Carino of Sunnyside. Tickets \$1.00; this ticket will entitle the purchaser to a chance on a Rug 6x9 donated by Musolin Rug and Carpet Cleaners.

A dance at the Rainbow Gardens to take place March 27th; on this ticket will be a chance on a \$50. watch donated by Alma's Jewelry Store. A house to house canvas will be underway on Sunday. All wishing to assist on this canvas please report at the Town Hall at 1pm, Sunday March 1st.

Donations will be gratefully accepted from anyone wishing to pledge by sending their contributions to the Rev. O. Martin of Sacred Heart Church; or to MacRae's Service Station, 3527 Sandwich St. W. Windsor; also to all business establishments in LaSalle who display a printed card for the Churchill Fund.

Immediately after the meeting

School Additions to Cost \$5,000

Approximately \$85,000 will be spent this year on additions to two public schools in the Area A' district of Sandwich West.

Four rooms will be added to Central School on Norfolk St., at a cost of \$45,000 while a two-room addition is slated for Ivor Chandler Public School on Bartlet Drive, to cost approximately \$40,000.

The Sandwich West Area A School Board met Feb. 23 and accepted tenders submitted from various construction firms.

Sweet Construction Company, an Essex firm, received the contract for the Central School, while the bid for the Chandler Construction Company.

Still indefinite is a plan for a one room addition to the Malden Road School.

The Township saw a considerable amount of building carried on last year with school additions and expanded school facilities, and with the unprecedented growth in population over the past few years, an expansion program is still being discussed to cover the year to come, when school rooms will be crowded to overflowing.

Francis Churchill Dies In Fire



Mr. Louis Chappuis, Mr. Jack Trotter, Mr. Alvin Brunet, Mr. Pete Laframboise and Mrs. Alma Brodeur took the \$500.00 to the Churchills. When Bob

Who's Color Blind?

Two years ago, in front of the LaSalle Town Hall on the Front Rd. (Highway 18) a red blinker light was erected to control traffic along the busy highway.

This light normally calls for a full stop, or if not that, should necessitate autos pulling into the curb. While the caution light is red in color, many motorists unaccustomed to it are under the impression that it serves as a regular traffic light. Past traffic, slam on their brakes in a hurry, apt to cause an accident with autos approaching in the opposite direction or crossing the intersection.

By all means, a yellow light, the proper color for cautionary purposes would be a great deal safer than the red blinker used at the present time.

We are wondering who gave approval to this two years ago?

was handed the money he was overcome with gratitude, passed the money to his wife saying to her "say something I can't". He accepted and said he would give all his time to any project the town undertakes from then on; he was reminded by those present that this was in return for all the aid he had given the town projects in the past. Bob was forever painting signs and banners for carnivals, picnics, town and church organizations and etc. He was coach of the LaSalle Cub and Scout softball games for four years, cramming up to 8 and 10 boys in his car taking them to and from town games.

The last meeting of the evening took place at Alma's Jewelry Store with Duke Fleming publicity; Ted Clark, Secretary; Paul O'Gorman, LaSalle News; Jack Trotter, Chairman, Printing and publicity matter was lined up.

\$5,000.00 is the objective for the CHURCHILL FUND.

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